

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Under “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION,” paragraph 4, please make the following amendment:

Use of existing enclosures in the outdoor environment has been ~~successful~~. ~~However,~~ successful. However, it is apparent from such use that significant improvements could be achieved by more effectively blending such devices into the woodland’s background by adding 3-dimensional elements, particularly around the perimeter of the device. The rationale for this improvement is that even when provided with otherwise effective camouflage patterns, it has been discovered that the well-defined edges of such enclosures ~~[[is]]~~ are discernable to the eye~~[[,]]~~ and particularly noticeable to certain species of wildlife.

Under “SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION,” paragraph 1, please make the following amendment:

The invention, therefore, is a collapsible portable enclosure which is provided with 3-dimensional elements around portions of its exterior. Such 3-dimensional elements may be readily attached to the exterior of existing products, as well as incorporated into the structure of the product at the time of original manufacture. Various patterns, ~~including but not limited to~~ including, but not limited to, patterns simulating leaves of various types of foliage are cut into strips of fabric which are secured to the exterior of the structure. By selecting an appropriate weight for the material, the 3-dimensional elements are allowed to protrude from the exterior of the enclosure~~[[,]]~~ and to move with the prevailing winds, simulating the movement of leaves or foliage in the same environment. In addition, means may be provided to facilitate attachment to the enclosure of actual foliage,

specifically, utilization of elastic elements affixed to the structure for holding branches, grass and the like.

Under “DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION,” paragraph 1, please make the following amendment:

As shown in FIG. 1, one embodiment of the enclosure 10 is designed with sufficient interior volume to accommodate one or more occupants. The overall dimensions of the enclosure 10 are selected to ~~insure~~ ensure the relative comfort of the occupants and accommodate the desired activity which, by way of example in this application, is of a size suitable for hunting. The enclosure 10 as shown in FIG. 1 ~~[[,]]~~ is supported by a plurality of frame members 18 surrounding fabric panels 12. The frame members 18 are typically of resilient or spring-like materials, such as spring steel or fiber-reinforced plastic, which are strong and durable, yet lightweight. In one embodiment of the enclosure ~~10 flexible~~ 10, flexible material such as fabric bears a visible pattern 24 selected to camouflage the enclosure 10 in the surrounding environment. The frame members 18 and panels 12 form walls 14 having a perimeter sleeve 16 enclosing each frame element 18. Sleeves 16 are typically formed of the same flexible material such as fabric utilized for panels 12 ~~[[,]]~~ and are sewn to the perimeter of panels 12, providing tension to panels 12 when frame members 18 are placed within sleeves 16. One or more panels 12 may also feature a port 20 having a closure 26, such as a zipper, hook and loop fastener, or the like, allowing the occupant of the enclosure 10 to observe and, if desired, discharge a weapon through an open port 20. Port 20 can be closed for protection of the occupant from the elements ~~[[,]]~~ or from observation by game animals in the environment. Flexible material such as fabric gores 29 interconnect panels 12. The interior of the enclosure 10 may be provided with a floor (not shown).

Under “DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION,” paragraph 5, please make the following amendment:

As shown in more detail in FIG. 2, cutout elements 34 are cut from a strip 35 of flexible material[[,]] and bear a camouflage pattern which is the same as the pattern 24 which forms the overall pattern of each panel 12 of the enclosure 10. Preferably, each element 34 has a size and shape typical of the leaf elements in the surrounding environment. It is also effective, however, to use simple shapes[[,]] such as triangles, circles, or squares in place of leaf-shaped cutouts. Cutout elements 34 remain attached to the sleeve 16 by hinge section 37 which allows each leaf element 34 to move in relation to sleeve 16.